GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:170
ANSWERED ON:10.12.2015
Upgradation of Airports
Dubey Shri Nishikant ;Singh Shri Ravneet

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to construct new Greenfield airports, if so, the details and the present status of various airport projects, State/UT-wise;

(b) the details of airport projects pending for want of land acquisition and mandatory clearances, State/UT-wise along with the time by which construction of approved airport projects are likely to be completed;

(c) whether the Government proposes to expand/develop/upgrade existing airports in the country, if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise; and

(d) the funds allocated, released and utilised for the above purpose during the last three years and the current year, State/ UT-wise and year-wise along with the action taken to expedite the projects?

Answer

Minister of CIVIL AVIATION
(Shri Ashok Gajapathi Raju Pusapati)

(a) to (d): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement in reply to parts (a), (b), (c) and (d) of Starred (*) Question No. 170 for 10.12.2015 regarding Upgradation of Airports.

(a) and (b): Government of India (GoI) has so far granted "in-principle" approval for setting up of 14 Greenfield airports namely, Mopa in Goa Navi Mumbai, Shirdi and Sindhudurg in Maharashtra, Shimoga, Gulbarga, Hassan and Bijapur in Karnataka, Kannur in Kerala, Durgapur in West Bengal, Pakyong in Sikkim, Datia in Gwalior (Cargo) in Madhya Pradesh, Kushinagar in Uttar Pradesh and Karaikal in Puducherry. The commercial operations at Durgapur in West Bengal have already commenced on 18th May, 2015. The present status of various airport projects along with the status of Land acquisition and various clearances is at Annexure-I. The timeline for construction of airport projects depends upon various factors such as land acquisition, availability of mandatory clearances, financial closure, etc. by the individual operator.

(c) and (d): Upgradation and expansion of airports is a continuous process and is undertaken in a phased manner based on the improvement in service levels, conveniences desired, operational requirement, traffic triggers, availability of land, viability etc. Works undertaken by the Airports Authority of India towards upgradation and expansion of airports during the last three years along with the cost incurred are at Annexure-II.